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there have been 2 deaths, both members of the crew of the steamship *Friary*, making a total of 7 deaths from the crew of this vessel. There is 1 case of plague in the crew now convalescent, and the illness of the attending physician, mentioned in my last letter, is now believed to be plague. This is the only case that has occurred outside the crew of the infected vessel, and as the period of incubation has elapsed since the last contact of townspeople it is hoped there will be no further cases.

A vessel has recently arrived at Bristol from the Plate with rats aboard, infected with plague, but no cases of disease had appeared among the crew. The vessel has been quarantined.

Confirming my cablegram of to-day, I would state that the United States consul at Glasgow informs me that there were yesterday, January 29, 385 cases of smallpox in hospital in that city and that the disease was spreading. This is an increase of 180 cases during the past week.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Report from Liverpool.*

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, January 26, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to make the usual weekly report:

I have completed arrangements with the steamship companies to begin the inspection of Canadian passengers and will have the first ship on Tuesday next, while each line has notified me in writing that they will do all in their power to assist me. Until about April, there will only be 1 ship a week.

There have been 2 more cases of plague at Hull—one a member of the crew, and the other the doctor who first attended them aboard ship. Both persons had been under observation. I do not think there is at present any danger to the United States from that point. The papers continue to report cases of plague from Smyrna. There is probably, also, plague in Constantinople. It is rather significant that the Roumanian Government has refused to allow the Oriental express to run farther than Bucharest. The British medical journals of to-day take rather a gloomy view of the conditions of the plague situation on the Black Sea coast.

The health of Liverpool is better than the average, no cases of smallpox and typhus being reported for the past week.

Respectfully,

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*Correction in regard to the report of plague on the steamship Highland Prince.*

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, January 22, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, upon the arrival at this port last week of the British steamship *Highland Prince* from South American ports, the press reported that bubonic plague had broken out on board, resulting in the death of several of the ship's company.

Upon investigation, I learned that the report was not confirmed, but arose from the fact that this vessel was infected with plague on her outward passage from Antwerp.

Dr. Arthur R. Thomas of the United States Marine-Hospital Service,